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SUBJECT: UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING ON COPPER,
CANADIAN VIEWS

1. INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS
HERE INDICATES CANADIAN OBJECTIVES AT
FORTHCOMING UNCTAD COPPER MEETING WILL BE CLOSELY
ALIGNED WITH US GOALS. CONVERSATIONS ALSO REVEALED
THAT CIPEC MEMBERS ARE IN SOME DISARRAY AND HAVE
NOT YET WORKED OUT AN AGREED STRATEGY.

2. OVER LUNCH AS GUESTS OF T. A. BERNES OF CANADIAN
OECD MISSION AND EARL STEWART OF CANADIAN DEPARTMENT
OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, WHO WILL HEAD CANADIAN DELEGATION
TO UNCTAD COPPER MEETING, US SIDE (WENDT) OUTLINED
OVERALL US OBJECTIVES, STRESSING NEED TO COMPLETE
STUDIES AGREED ON AT MARCH COPPER CONSULTATION
AND SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT CONSUMER-PRODUCER
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FORUM, WHICH WOULD, HOWEVER, TAKE ACCOUNT

OF THE ROLE GIVEN TO UNCTAD BY THE NAIROBI COMMODITIES RESOLUTION. CANADIANS INDICATED SUPPORT FOR US APPROACH. THEY SAID THEIR OVERALL OBJECTIVE WAS ESSENTIALLY TO SEEK NO MORE THAN FORMATION OF A STUDY GROUP WHICH COULD BE BASED IN LONDON AND PERHAPS HAVE SOME LOOSE RELATIONSHIP TO UNCTAD. THEY MADE CLEAR CANADIAN COPPER INDUSTRY WAS OPPOSED TO ANY INTERNATIONAL ACTION BEYOND THAT POINT. THEY FURTHER INDICATED THAT UK GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THEIR VIEWS AND IS IN ACCORD WITH THEM.

3. CANADIANS ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT THEY ATTENDED AS OBSERVERS CIPEC MEETING IN PARIS SEPTEMBER 16 WHERE THE FORTHCOMING UNCTAD MEETING WAS DISCUSSED. IN REPLY TO US QUESTIONS THEY SAID THAT REACTIONS OF CIPEC MEMBERS TO UNCTAD PROPOSAL FOR NEGOTIATION OF A STABILIZATION AGREEMENT RANGED FROM STRONG SUPPORT BY PERU TO CONSIDERABLE AMBIVALENCE ON THE PART OF ZAMBIA, WITH CHILE APPARENTLY SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE. ACCORDING TO THE CANADIANS, THE TWO LATTER COUNTRIES ARE APPARENTLY TORN BETWEEN THEIR INTEREST IN AN ORDERLY AND PERHAPS PROMISING APPROACH ON THE BASIS OF THE CONSENSUS REACHED AT THE MARCH CONSULTATION AND THEIR DESIRE AS MEMBERS OF THE G-77 TO DISPLAY CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR UNCTAD. TURNER.

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